

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, 147 million ash trees blanket the great state of Indiana, enhancing our state's air and water quality, natural landscapes, recreational destinations, wildlife habitats, tourism, manufacturing, commerce, and property/land values; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of the emerald ash borer (EAB), a destructive exotic beetle, benefits the state of Indiana by curtailing the artificial spread of the beetle through the movement of firewood; and

WHEREAS, joint efforts are underway in infested states as well as through private, local, and federal partnerships which are striving to help protect the 8 billion ash trees in the United States; and

WHEREAS, employing a cooperative spirit and encouraging environmental stewardship ultimately reduces the risk to the ash resource of Indiana and other states where the insect has been found, as well as the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, spring marks the beginning of the travel and tourism season in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week is an opportunity for the government to join forces with business, industry, environmental groups, community organizations, tourists, and citizens to take action against the spread and introduction of EAB;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2014 as

EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I have
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 24th
day of April in the year of our
Lord 2014 and of the Independence
of the United States 238.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael R. Pence